

SENATE BILL 652

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*ENROLLED BILL*  
*-- Judicial Proceedings/Judiciary --*

Introduced by **Senators Ruben and Forehand**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund - Extension of Time to File Claim**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the time for filing a claim for criminal injuries  
4 compensation with the Board of Criminal Injuries Compensation under certain  
5 circumstances; altering the time for filing a claim with the Board in a case of  
6 child abuse; and generally relating to compensation for criminal injuries.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article - Criminal Procedure  
9 Section 11-801(a), (b), and (c) and 11-810(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2001 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Criminal Procedure  
14 Section 11-809(a)

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2 (2001 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
4 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

5 **Article - Criminal Procedure**

6 11-801.

7 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

8 (b) "Board" means the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

9 (c) "Claimant" means the person filing a claim under this subtitle.

10 11-809.

11 (a) (1) A claimant shall file a claim not later than:

12 (i) 180 days after the occurrence of the crime or delinquent act on  
13 which the claim is based; or

14 (ii) 180 days after the death of the victim.

15 (2) For good cause, the Board may extend the time for filing up to [2] 3  
16 years after the occurrence of the crime or delinquent act or the death of the victim.

17 (3) In a case of child abuse, a claimant may file a claim up to [2] 4 3  
18 years after the claimant knew or should have known of the child abuse.

19 11-810.

20 (a) (1) The Board may make an award only if the Board finds that:

21 (i) a crime or delinquent act was committed;

22 (ii) the crime or delinquent act directly resulted in:

23 1. physical injury to or death of the victim; or

24 2. psychological injury to the victim that necessitated mental  
25 health counseling;

26 (iii) police, other law enforcement, or judicial records show that the  
27 crime or delinquent act or the discovery of child abuse was reported to the proper  
28 authorities within 48 hours after the occurrence of the crime or delinquent act or the  
29 discovery of the child abuse; and

30 (iv) the victim has cooperated fully with all law enforcement units.

1                   (2)       For good cause, the Board may waive the requirements of paragraph  
2 (1)(iii) and (iv) of this subsection.

3       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2004.